take the trouble to supply me with a copy of this, and when published / of your list of Mr. Chas: Wright's Chinese and Japanese collections, you would be conferring a great favor. Mr. Chinn would of course defray the attendant charges. Pray give my kind remembrances to Mr. Wright, whose acquaintance I had the pleasure of making when on here in the "Vincennes."

Letters addressed either to Mr. Chinn's care in London, or direct, thus:—

Dr. H. F. Hance,
Hongkong,
China.

would be sure to reach me in safety.

Pray believe me to be,
Dear Sir,
Very faithfully Yours,
H. F. Hance

Prof. Asa Gray,
Harvard University,
Cambridge,
Massachusetts.

Duplicate.

Hongkong. 3. Febry. 1858.

Dear Sir,

Through the kindness of an old friend of mine, the Rev. J. W. Johnson, who is returning to the United States, I am enabled to forward you a packet of plants collected by me principally in this island, though a portion were gathered at Amoy, the Flora of which has not been so carefully investigated. They are at present in excellent condition; and where the specimens are scanty, it is not owing to parsimony on my part, but because I have no more in my possession at the present time. I have carefully packed them in oiled-paper, and therefore trust they will reach you in good preservation and order. As far as possible, I have named the specimens, at least generically; to have attempted more with those from Amoy — though many seem new — would have been presumptuous, removed as I am here from access to large herbaria and libraries. Each plant has attached to it the number it bears in my herbarium.

~~and that~~ and whensoever & to whomsoever I distribute ~~plants~~ specimens, the same number invariably designates one plant, an arrangement which is I believe productive of some advantage. I shall be much obliged if you will send me any corrections, or names for the undetermined plants, with an indication of the numbers to which they refer. Mr. Bentham has a full set of the Amoy collection. I hope you will not think me troublesome if I ask you to be so kind as to send me in return a parcel of named North American plants, which might be forwarded either direct to Hongkong or to my agent in London - Mr. Franz Thimm, 3 Brook Street, Grosvenor Square, who would readily defray all charges attending their transmission. They would require very careful packing, I imagine, for so long a voyage. If I might venture to express a preference, I would say that I should particularly like U. S. Ferns grasses and Cyperaceae - more especially Carices, also Orchideae, Cupuliferae (Quercus above all), Umbelliferae Cruciferae and Caryophylleae, and in genera Viola, Hypericum, Euphorbia, Polygala, Ranunculus, Rosa, Lonicera, and any N. american ones which possess representatives or near allies in China or Japan. but in truth anything named will be acceptable. I make no apology for preferring this request, as I am sure as a botanist you will be aware how invaluable authentically named specimens are to an isolated worker like myself; whilst, as the acknowledged Coryphaeus of N. American botanists, I imagine you must have on hand from your numerous correspondents, so large a series of duplicates as to prevent my application being inconvenient. I was so fortunate the other day as to get a glance at a proof sheet of an enumeration from your pen of some plants collected in Japan by Drs. Morrow and Williams. If you could